

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF PAINT PLANTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any plans to relax the norms for the setting up of paint industries or plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the performance of the existing plants in the country, State- wise;
- (c) the total quantity and value of paints and paint-products produced and sold during the last three years, State-wise;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the export and import of paints and paint products has been very high in the recent years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and foreign exchange generated during the last years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS : (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (e): Paints industry has already been exempted from Licensing requirements. Under the liberalized economic regime, investment decisions are taken by the entrepreneurs, based on their commercial perception, which in turn depends on several factors including the infrastructural facilities available in various States/UTs. While data relating to the Paints Industry's performance is not centrally maintained, details, as available in the publication of the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) for 21 sample Companies are indicative of growth.

2000-01 1999-00 1998-99

Total volume of paint production (MT)	718698	633222	569832
Value of production (Rs. in crore)	3225.2	2798.3	2468.2

As per the data provided by the Director General Foreign Trade, the import & export of the Paints Industry is as under:

IMPORT (Value in Rs.Lakhs)

1999-2000 2000-2001 2001-2002 (April-Sept.2002)

84537	87880	113783	67982
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EXPORT INCLUDING RE-EXPORT

192391	236417	243649	148116
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